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February 6, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC - PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PARTNERS
AGREEMENTS IN SERVICE PROVIDER AREA 6 TO ALLOCATE
SOUTH LOS ANGELES MEDICAL SERVICES PRESERVATION FUNDS
FOR EXPANDED URGENT CARE SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of the Department of Health Services (Department or DHS), or his designee, to execute amendments, substantially similar to Exhibit I with current Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program Partners in Service Planning Area (SPA) 6, listed in Attachment B, effective upon date of Board approval through June 30, 2008, for the provision of expanded access to urgent care services in the amount of \$588,252 funded by the South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund (Preservation Fund), established by Senate Bill (SB) 474.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

In approving the recommended actions, the Board is authorizing the Director of DHS, or his designee, to sign amendments to agreements with the various providers listed in Attachment B, to expand access to urgent care services currently being provided by the PPP Program Partners by providing and/or expanding after hours and weekend urgent care and/or walk-in visits.

Board of Supervisors

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total maximum obligation for the expanded urgent care services under these Amendments is \$588,252 effective upon date of Board approval through June 30, 2008. The funding will be allocated among the SPA 6 participating agencies according to the proportion of all PPP patients seen, based on historical data.

Funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 Final Budget, and will be requested in future fiscal years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 12, 2007 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law SB 474 which established a \$100.0 million annual fund to stabilize health services for low income, undeserved populations in South Los Angeles. The Preservation Fund is intended to address the regional impact of the closure of Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Hospital. As previously reported to your Board, the total amount of the Preservation Fund that the Department is eligible to receive for FY 2007-08 is \$87.7 million and reflects 10.5 months of funding based on the August 15, 2007 implementation date.

The Preservation Fund will be available for three years or the recertification of MLK Hospital, whichever is earlier. The County must maintain its current level of County, system-wide funding or the Preservation Fund will be reduced. Unused dollars from one fiscal year will not roll over for use in subsequent fiscal years. The Department advised your Board on November 9, 2007 of the allocation of the Preservation Fund to private providers to defray to cost of treating uninsured patients in South Los Angeles.

The current PPP Program Partners have been providing primary care to the indigent residents of SPA 6 under agreements approved May 31, 2005 and all 11 PPP Program Partners in SPA 6 have expressed interest in participating in the expansion of urgent care services. The Department is recommending that your Board approve and delegate authority to the Director of DHS, or his designee, to execute amendments to the agreements with the various PPP providers listed on Attachment B to provide the expanded urgent care services. In order to allocate the Preservation Fund dollars available in FYs 2008-09 and 2009-10, successor PPP agreements will be recommended to your Board in the spring of this year which will include the expanded scope of services for urgent care and the corresponding funding.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit I as to use and form.

Attachments A and B provide additional information.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Because the goal of the Preservation Fund is to expand existing urgent care services for the indigent population of South Los Angeles and the current PPP Program Partners are uniquely situated to assist in these efforts, it is not appropriate to advertise the amendments as a contracting opportunity on the Los Angeles County "Doing Business with Us" Website.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Board approval of the amendments will provide for expanded urgent care services for the indigent, low-income, and uninsured adult population in South Los Angeles and mitigate the impact of the closure of MLK Hospital.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the recommendation, please forward an adopted, stamped copy of the Board letter to DHS.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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SAS:LT:bjs

Attachments (3)

c: County Counsel
Director and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health Services

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. TYPE OF SERVICE:

The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Program Partners provide the indigent, low-income, uninsured patient population with primary or specialty care services, or both, throughout Los Angeles County at County and private facility sites. The South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund (Preservation Fund) established by Senate Bill (SB) 474 will allow for the expansion of urgent care services at 11 PPP Program Partners facilities located in Service Planning Area (SPA) 6.

2. AGENCY ADDRESSES AND CONTACT PERSONS:

See Attachment B.

3. TERM:

Date of Board Approval through June 30, 2008.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The total maximum obligation for the expanded urgent care services under these amendments is \$588,252 effective upon date of Board approval through June 30, 2008. The funding will be allocated among the SPA 6 participating agencies according to the proportion of all PPP patients seen, based on historical data.

Funding is included in the DHS FY 2007-08 Final Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years if necessary.

5. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROGRAM MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Karen Swanson, Interim Director, Office of Ambulatory Care

6. GEOGRAPHIC AREA(S) TO BE SERVED:

Service Planning Area 6.

7. APPROVALS:

Office of Ambulatory Care

Karen Swanson, Interim Director

Chief Deputy

John Schunhoff

Contracts and Grants Division:

Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel (approval as to form):

Sharon Reichman, Principal Deputy

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EXHIBIT I

Contract # _____

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT
(Strategic or Traditional Partner Facility Sites)

AMENDMENT NO. ____

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this _____
day of _____, 2008,

by and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(hereafter "County"),

and

(hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled
"PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM HEALTH CARE SERVICES
AGREEMENT", dated July 1, 2005, further identified as Agreement
No. H _____ and any Amendments thereto (all hereafter
"Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that changes to its terms
may be made in the form of a written amendment which is formally
approved and executed by the parties; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2007 Senate Bill 474 was signed into
law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to establish the South Los
Angeles Medical Preservation Fund to address the regional impact
of the closure of Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital and

help defray the cost for treating uninsured patients in the South Los Angeles area; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is a health care services provider in the South Los Angeles area as a result of its participation in the County=s Public/Private Partnership (PPP) Program; and,

WHEREAS, as a PPP Program provider in the South Los Angeles area, Contractor is also within the ambit of the South Los Angeles Medical Preservation Fund; and,

WHEREAS, Contractor is willing to provide the services described herein for and in consideration of the payments provided under this Agreement and under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto to amend the Agreement to stabilize health services for low-income, and underserved populations of South Los Angeles for PPP Program Health Care Services through June 30, 2008, under substantially the same terms and conditions and make the changes described hereinafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall be effective upon its approval by County=s Board of Supervisors.

2. Agreement, Paragraph 2, MAXIMUM OBLIGATION, Subparagraph E, shall be added with the following:

"2. MAXIMUM OBLIGATION:

E. For the period of Date of Board Approval through June 30, 2008, County=s reimbursement to Contractor for the provision of primary care services for South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund, shall not exceed _____, Dollars (\$_____). This allocation may not be redirected to any other services provided under this Agreement."

3. Exhibit __, DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES-PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES, SOUTH LOS ANGELES MEDICAL SERVICES PREVERVATION FUND, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, is hereby added to Agreement.

4. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in any other respect by this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed by its

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Director of Health Services, and Contractor has caused this
Amendment to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized
officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By _____
Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

Contractor

By _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title _____
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATION:

Department of Health Services

By _____
Cara O'Neill, Chief
Contracts and Grants Division

EXHIBIT ____

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES B PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

SOUTH LOS ANGELES MEDICAL SERVICES PRESERVATION FUND SERVICES

1. DESCRIPTION: The South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund Program is intended to address the regional impact of the closure of Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Hospital and will help defray County costs for treating uninsured patients in the South Los Angeles area. The South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund Program seeks to maintain or improve the patient=s current level of health and reduce morbidity, while enhancing objective, measurable quality of care outcomes. Further, the goal of this program is to provide benefits and service enhancements, such as expanded evening and weekend urgent care and/or walk-in visits that are currently provided under existing Public-Private Partnership Program Health Care Services Agreements for Strategic and Traditional Partners.

2. CONTRACTOR=S OBLIGATIONS: Contractor shall:

A. Continue to provide primary care services under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including rates of payment, to eligible PPP Program patients.

B. Provide urgent care to eligible PPP Program patients on a walk-in basis or through appointments available within 24 hours of the patient contacting

Contractor for an appointment. Fifty percent of visits reimbursed under the South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund Program must be provided after hours (after 5:00 p.m.), on the week-end or in the early morning hours. Hours which overlap with regular clinic hours will qualify.

C. Refer eligible PPP Program patients to a Disease Management Program when available.

3. Performance Measurement:

A. County Monthly Reports: The County will issue monthly reports to Contractor to summarize performance of individual agencies, and comparisons to contractors similar in size and organization, and to South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund providers across the entire system. Information on the monthly reports will be derived from claims adjudication data, Contractor=s monthly reports, annual monitoring/audit reports, and other sources.

B. Contractor=s Monthly Reports:

1. Contractor shall develop a system to identify that visits provided under this amendment are provided after 5:00 p.m., weekends, early mornings, same day or scheduled appointment within 24 hours of contacting contractor.

2. Contractor shall provide monthly reports to

the County providing information on volume of clinic workload, changes in capacity, and other data that is not available to the Department except through agency self-reporting.

C. Work Plan: Within fourteen (14) days of contract approval by County=s Board of Supervisors, Contractor shall provide to County a plan detailing the days and hours that services will be provided under this amendment and describing how it will document that the services provided under this amendment are on a walk-in basis or scheduled appointment that is provided within 24 hours of patient contacting the Contractor.

FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 WORKPLAN/STATEMENT OF WORK
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) PROGRAM
PRIMARY CARE SERVICES -- SOUTH LOS ANGELES MEDICAL SERVICES PRESERVATION FUND (SB474)

NAME OF AGENCY

<p>(1) Site Address and Clinic Telephone Number</p>	<p>Agency address City, State, Zip Code Phone:</p>		
<p>(2) Total number of visits per month that will be reimbursed through the SB 474 (must meet PPP eligibility criteria)</p>	<p>visits/month</p>		
<p>(3) Hours of Operation: Within 14 days of contract approval, PPP's will provide DHS with a plan for days/hours for the visits that will be provided under this amendment and a description of how they will document that the visits provided under this amendment are on a walk-in basis or scheduled appointment that is provided within 24 hours of patient contacting the PPP (after 5:00 p.m. on the week-end or in the early morning hours). At least 50% of the visits must be provided after 5:00 p.m. and/or on weekends and/or during early morning hours.</p> <p>The documentation of these visits will be made available during contract monitoring site visits and audits.</p>	<p>Weekdays: Weekend:</p>		
<p>(4) Approximate the number of new and return visits that will be paid through SB474. The number of visits reimbursed cannot exceed the maximum obligation of the contract.</p>	<p>1/08</p>	<p>2/08</p>	<p>3/08</p>
	<p>New:</p>	<p>New:</p>	<p>New:</p>
	<p>Ret:</p>	<p>Ret:</p>	<p>Ret:</p>
	<p>4/08</p>	<p>5/08</p>	<p>6/08</p>